

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 6, 2007
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee convened on Monday, August 6, 2007, at 9:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Seeman, Ph.D. (LPC, MFT), Chair
Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D. (LPC, MFT)

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MATTER SCHEDULED: **John R. Green, CSAC, Assistant License No.: 0711-000023
Case #113190**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Green did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 5, 2007, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of substance abuse counseling in Virginia. Mr. Green was not represented by counsel. Ms. Larimer advised that the notice had been sent to Mr. Green's official address of record with the Board by certified and first class mail. According to the Board's records, the first class mail had not been returned; however, the certified mail was unclaimed and returned to the Board, as noted on the envelope by the U.S. Post Office. The Committee determined that Mr. Green had been properly noticed for the informal conference. Therefore, the Committee would proceed with the informal conference in his absence.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Conner and duly seconded by Dr. Seeman, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of John R.Green, CSAC, Assistant. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Lipinski attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Conner, and duly seconded by Dr. Seeman, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Mr. Green a Consent Order that would indefinitely suspend his certificate to practice as a substance abuse counselor assistant in Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become final upon entry of the consent order.

Linda Seeman, Ph.D. (LPC, MFT), Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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